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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a

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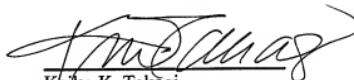
foreign patent office in a counterpart application (Japanese Notification of Reason for Refusal dated March 10, 2009) citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Additionally, JP-A-8-139067 corresponds to US Patent No. 5,902,678 A.

It is noted that listed reference, JP-A-2000-312862 cited in the foreign Communication enclosed within, was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 30, 2007.

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